

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to define R₂ as a C₂ to C₈ linear or branched alkyl.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 112 second paragraph on the basis that a C₁ compound aminal is not stable. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons presented in the previous response.

The Examiner states that the diethanol amine C₂ linking group was not the basis of rejection.

Therefore, based on the amendment of claim 1 it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn. It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

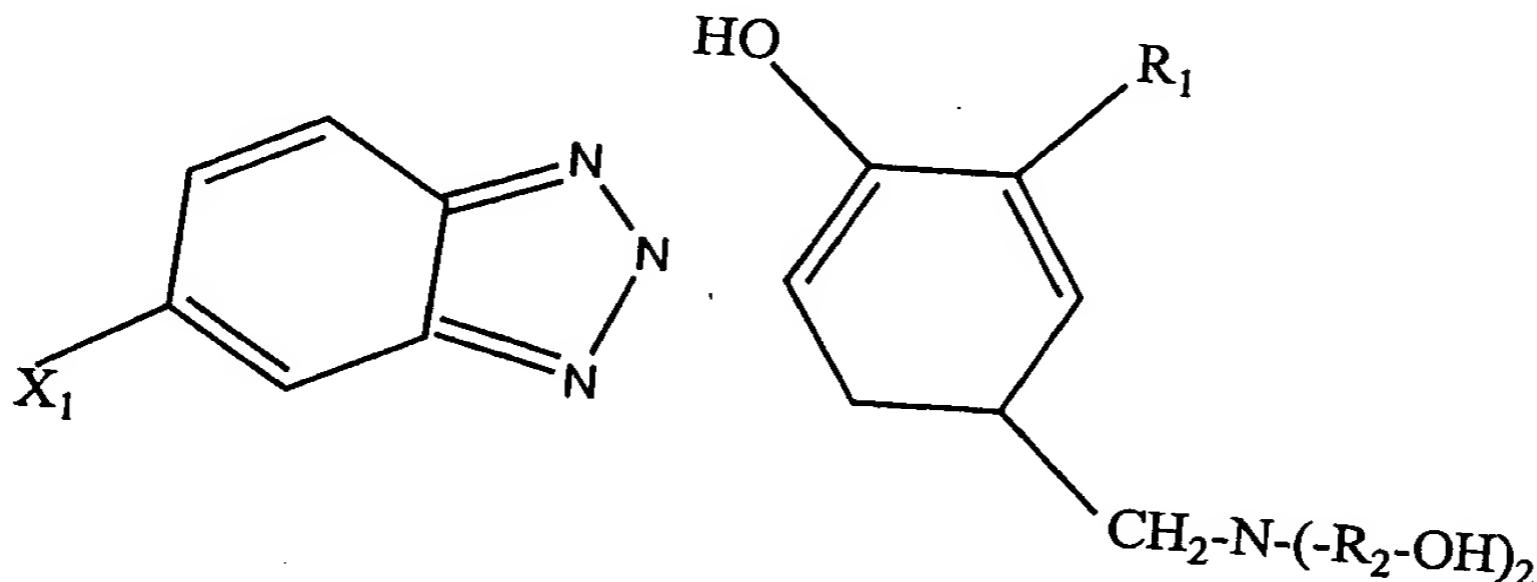
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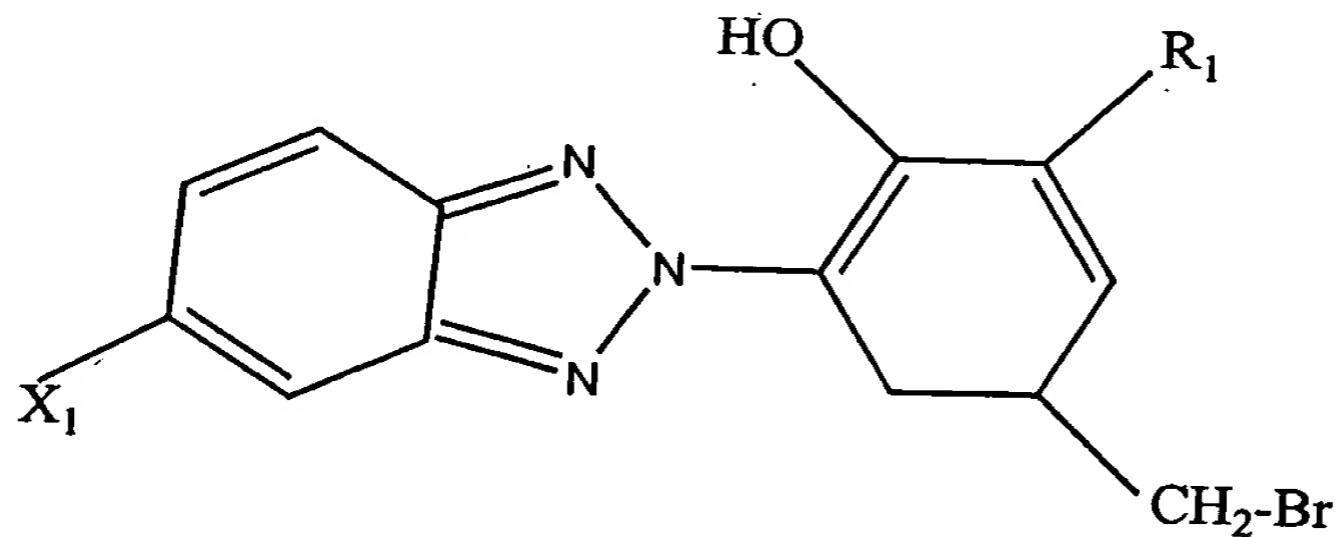
In the Claims

1. (amended) A process for the preparation of a diol functionalized UV absorber of [having the general] formula 1



Formula 1

where R_1 is hydrogen, tert-butyl; X_1 is selected the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, tert-buty and C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy; R_2 is $[C_1]$ C_2 to C_8 linear or branched alkyl, said process comprising reacting a bromo-functionalized benzotriazole UV absorber [having the general] of formula 4.



Formula 4

wherein R_1 is hydrogen, tert-butyl; X_1 is selected the group consisting of hyrdrogen, halogen, tert-butyl and C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, with diethanol diamine in an organic solvent under reflux at a temperature in the range of 70 to 90 °C for a time period ranging from 5-8 hrs, removing the solvent recrystallizing the resultant compound to obtain the desired pure compound.